## RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES 601 W 3<sup>RD</sup> St. Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, June 17, 2015 The Utility Board met at the City Utilities Business Office at 5 p.m.

Michael Singleton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

**Board Members Present:** 

Michael Singleton Tim Sheehan Phil Starkey Greg Coffin Brian Bess

## Others present:

Les Day Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins Office Manager
Geoff Wesling Utilities Attorney
Bryce Gast Donohue & Associates

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the Utility report for the month of May. The Water Operating report did not show N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 29.05 million gallons of water pumped, with 27.67million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 23 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 11 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 20 line locates. There was 1 request to check for low water pressure. There was 1 rusty water complaint. There were 65 connects and 61 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,742.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 36.76 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total 3.96 inches of precipitation for the month.

There were 5 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 8,200 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of May. There was no dye tests ran.

Les also told the Board that scheduled maintenance for both plants is on-going.

Next on the agenda were Customer Concerns. Customer, Gary Albert, who lives at Village of Flatrock Apartments continues to call in every month to get information about his bill before the readings are completed for the month. Mr. Albert has been told many times that it is too early to give him any information, but he continues to call in every month at that time. Also, he calls in every month to have the servicemen come and pick up his payment and bring him a receipt. Gina Jenkins told the Board members that there are no other customers that ask for this special treatment and that the Utilities employees are too busy to continue doing this every month. The Board members agreed.

The next Customer Concern was Ron Tolliver. Mr. Tolliver has had service with City Utilities since 2009. At the time the service started, Mr. Tolliver had a duplex and was charged for a duplex. He came in to complain about his bill always being so high in June 2015. He was told that he has always been charged a double sewer because he has a duplex. He said that the property had been converted to a single dwelling home. Les Day went and inspected the property to find that Mr. Tolliver had changed the property to a single family dwelling. Mr. Tolliver did not notify City Utilities at the time of the change, so he continued to be charged a double sewer charge. After the inspection, the account was changed to a single family dwelling. Mr. Tolliver then asked for a credit on his account due to the change. After discussing the situation, the Board felt that it was Mr. Tolliver's responsibility to have notified City Utilities when the property was converted. Mr. Tolliver's request was denied.

Bryce Gast with Donohue & Associates was present at the meeting. Bryce asked the Board to approve payment requests #14 and #15 for the construction at the CSO Wastewater Treatment Plant. Payment request #14 was for work & new equipment in April in the amount of \$305,060.53. Greg Coffin motioned to approve the payment. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment request #15 was for May in the amount of \$99,112.43. Greg Coffin motioned to approve the payment. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day told everyone that he ran the two new job openings in the Rushville Republican for four publications. He has received approximately 50 applications and some resumes. Foreman, Eric Schlechtweg will be assisting Les with the interviews, but will be on vacation the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the interviews will be held the last week of June. Les is hoping to have the new employees hired by the first week of July.

Geoff Wesling, City Utilities Attorney, told the Board members that he is still working with Jack Clarkson to settle the situation with Stephen Schofner and the money that he owes to City Utilities. The Board members told Geoff that he needs to sue Mr. Schofner if nothing is settled soon.

Then Geoff told the Board that he will be going back to court to settle the situation with Steve Mohler concerning the money that he still owes to City Utilities for his hook up. He told Les Day and Gina Jenkins that they will need to appear in court again.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the new Board officers. Tim Sheehan would take over as Board President at the July 2015 meeting. Greg Coffin motioned to approve Tim as President. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Also, the new Secretary would be Phil Starkey. Greg Coffin motioned to approve Phil as Secretary. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Phil Starkey had checked the claims for May. Phil motioned to approve the claims. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that IDEM did an inspection. There were a few unsatisfactory issues that were found at the Wastewater Plant. The first issue was that there should be 4 DO samples taken every day, but during holidays and weekends there was only 1 sample taken. The next issue was that the Automatic samples did not have all the information listed on them. Also, there was a report that was not IDEM's report being used. Les was told by the Inspector that the IDEM report has to be used. Les informed the Board members of the corrective measures that he has done to correct these issues.

Les told the Board members that he had visited Connersville Utilities to check out the Scada system (radio system) for their lift stations. Les felt that the system that Rushville City Utilities already has in place for the wells installed by MaD Technical Services works more efficiently that what Connersville's system does. Les would like for MaD Technical Services to install the Scada system for the lift stations.

Phil Starkey motioned to adjourn. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 15, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the CSO Wastewater Plant office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.